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Process of inertization (dampening) of steel making slag for economical reuse

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FIGURE A
(Prior Art)

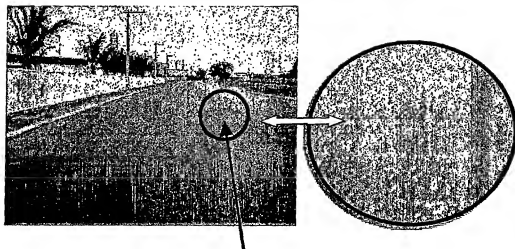
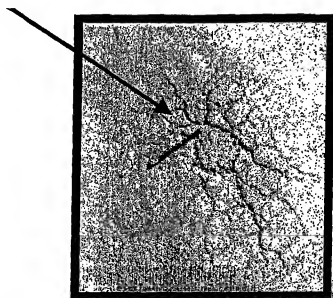


FIGURE B

SAMPLE	BEGINING OF TEST	END OF TEST	FINAL EXPANSION	MEAN EXPANSION	DEVIANCE	STANDARD DEVIANCE	Value of K	NUMBER OF TESTS
1	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,41	1,56	-0,15	0,18	1,31	8
2	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,37		-0,19			
3	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,50		-0,06			
4	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,46		-0,08			
5	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,70		0,14			
6	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,45		-0,14			
7	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,82		0,26			
8	06/30/2003	07/14/2003	1,77		0,21			

Maximum Value established for the Expansion = 2,0 %

Calculation of $K_s = K \times (\text{Std. Deviance})$ $1,31 \times 0,18 = 0,23$

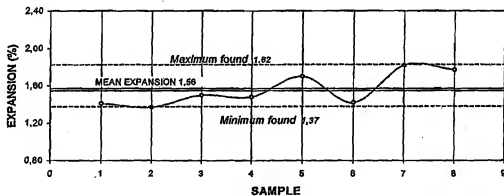
CRITERIA

Mean Expansion + $K_s < 2,0$ → ACCEPTED
 Mean Expansion + $K_s > 2,0$ → REJECTED

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

FOUND VALUES

Mean Expansion + $K_s = 1,56 + 0,23 = 1,79$



N= # of samples	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
K	1,55	1,41	1,36	1,31	1,25	1,21	1,18	1,16	1,13

FIGURE C

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